

Maintaining America's Leading Edge

Dear Colleague:

The Congressional High Tech Caucus is excited to announce an event sure to be of interest to those interested in maintaining America's leadership on innovation. On **Wednesday, April 16, from 11:00am-12:00pm in room 2212 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Caucus will host an informative policy discussion on American competitiveness and innovation with Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI).

SEMI is a global industry association with nearly 600 U.S. companies in the \$85 billion worldwide semiconductor equipment and materials industry. This industry is one of the most innovative in the United States, fueling many of the manufacturing technological advances that continue to improve semiconductor capability and performance. The companies that the High Tech Caucus will meet with supply the enabling technologies, including raw materials and advanced tools, to produce every semiconductor-based product from cell phones to computers. These companies also provide a base for emerging technologies such as nanotechnology and solar photovoltaics.

On April 16, senior executives from companies that are involved in cutting edge technologies will be in Washington. During their visit, they would like to meet with us to discuss critical issues related to maintaining a strong base of semiconductor equipment and materials suppliers in the United States. Attached is a list of confirmed executives who will participate in this dialogue.

We highly encourage you and your staff to attend this briefing for a discussion on high-tech policy issues including:

- increasing R&D funding for basic research,
- R&D tax credit permanency,
- extending the solar tax credit, and
- high skilled immigration reform.

Please RSVP to Brooke Jamison at brooke.jamison@mail.house.gov or Gene Irisari at gene.irisari@mail.house.gov by April 14 to reserve your seat at the table.

Sincerely,

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